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SUBJECT: KING AND GOVERNMENT SEEK TO DEFUSE TEACHER-UNREST SITUATION

1. IN VIEW OF TEACHER/STUDENT DISTURBANCES LAST OCTOBER AND SCHEDULED COMMENCEMENT OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR ON JANUARY 24, I MET WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY AND OTHER SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICIALS JANUARY 17 FOR THEIR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION.

2. TEACHERS' COMPLAINTS ON PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION INEQUITIES AND ON SLOW DELIVERY OF SALARY CHECKS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED, AFTER MONTHS OF FOOT-DRAGGING. THEIR COMPLAINT ON OCTOBER BANNING OF SWAZILAND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS MAY BE ADDRESSED AT MEETING WHICH MINISTRY SAYS KING HAS SCHEDULED WITH TEACHERS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21. (THIS WAS EMBASSY'S FIRST INDICATION OF SUCH A MEETING.)

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3. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON FORM AND CONTENT OF KING'S MEETING WITH TEACHERS. IF ROYAL ADDRESS IS PLATITUDINOUS METAPHORICAL MONOLOGUE OR STRONG SLAP ON WRIST FOR TEACHERS' PAST FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE, TEACHERS COULD CONCEIVABLY BE TURNED OFF ENOUGH TO DELAY THEIR RETURN TO SCHOOLS, WHICH WOULD LEAVE STUDENTS TO THEIR OWN DEVICES AS HAPPENED IN OCTOBER. IF,

ON OTHER HAND, KING GRANTS THAT TEACHERS HAVE HAD A CASE, IF HE
AGREES TO REINSTATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION EVEN CONDITIONALLY, AND
ESPECIALLY IF HE INVITES COMMENTS FROM HIS INTERLOCUTORS,
OUTLOOK WILL BE 180 DEGREE CHANGE FOR BETTER.

4. WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED.
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